

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication that claims 9 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 9, and claim 9 has accordingly been cancelled without prejudice.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-8, 10 and 12-26 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by GB 1 578 930 has been overcome.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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